

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 109

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bridgestone Arena upon being named Arena of the Year by the Academy of Country Music.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a Music City landmark, Bridgestone Arena; and

WHEREAS, the home for numerous national and international events, Bridgestone Arena capped off an impressive 2022 with recognition from the Academy of Country Music (ACM) as Arena of the Year during the fifteenth Academy of Country Music Honors, held on August 24, 2022, at the legendary Ryman Auditorium in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the ACM Industry Awards recognize venues and talent buyers and promoters who have bought or promoted a predetermined number of country music concerts and helped promote country music ticket sales; nominees are selected by a professional panel of judges approved by the ACM officers, with ACM members classified in their respective professions voting to decide the winner; and

WHEREAS, established in 1996, Bridgestone Arena is home to the National Hockey League's Nashville Predators and has the distinction of being one of the busiest venues in the United States over the past decade and a half; and

WHEREAS, Bridgestone Arena ranked eleventh in *Pollstar's* 2022 First Quarter Worldwide Top 100 Arenas, grossing \$11,609,408 in revenue and selling 147,587 tickets; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Bridgestone Arena finished eighth in the world and sixth in the United States for ticket sales in the first half of *Pollstar's* 2022 reporting year; and

WHEREAS, after the venue received the prestigious Arena of the Year award, David Kells, Executive Vice President of Entertainment and Venues, remarked, "We are truly thrilled to

host the best performers and athletes in the world at Bridgestone Arena night after night. This award is a true reflection on our organization, fans, and touring professionals who trust us to host their events"; and

WHEREAS, Bridgestone Arena is one of America's top sporting and entertainment venues, and it is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Bridgestone Arena upon being named Arena of the Year by the Academy of Country Music and extend our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.